

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A roof module for a motor vehicle body ~~comprising, the roof~~
module comprising:

a reinforcing frame; and

a roof panel fastened to said reinforcing frame ~~thereto, said reinforcing frame being~~
5 ~~fastened to the motor vehicle body by means of screw connections and adhesive bonds,~~ said
reinforcing frame or said roof panel having a folded flange at an edge ~~shaped to~~ of a U section,
and an edge strip of the roof panel or reinforcing frame engages into said U section, ~~[[and]]~~ said
edge strip being ~~[[is]]~~ bonded ~~[[there]]~~ to the reinforcing frame or roof panel, ~~and that wherein~~
a joint is defined by said folded flange of said reinforcing frame or said roof panel and by said
10 roof panel or said reinforcing frame, said joint being sealed by a sealing piece, said reinforcing
frame having a screw connection located at a screw location and bond pads located at a bond
location for fastening said motor reinforcing body to the motor vehicle body, whereby a
prefabricated and painted roof module is placed on the bonding location and is connected to the
vehicle body by said screw connection from inside said motor vehicle, said roof panel covering
15 an area that is ~~in a vertical projection~~ is greater than a roof opening in the motor vehicle body.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to claim 1, wherein said U section
~~in the area of a front window at the outside~~ has a support for ~~[[the]]~~ a front window, said

support being located in an area of said front window.

4. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to Claim 3, wherein said roof panel ~~in the area of the front window~~ has a step located in an area of said front window, [[whose]] said step having a height ~~roughly corresponds~~ corresponding to [[the]] a thickness of [[the]] said front window.

5. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to claim 1, wherein said U section ~~in the door area at the outside~~ has a support for [[the]] a side window and/or side window pane seal, said support being located in a door area.

6. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to Claim 5, wherein said roof panel in the door area has a step, [[whose]] said step having a height ~~roughly corresponds~~ corresponding to [[the]] a thickness of the side window and/or side window pane seal.

7. (Previously Presented) A roof module pursuant to claim 1, wherein said roof panel and/or reinforcing frame are comprised of pretreated and/or prelacquered metal sheets.

8. (Currently Amended) A roof module for assembly with a motor vehicle body having [[than]] a roof opening, the roof module comprising:
a reinforcing frame;

a roof panel fastened to said reinforcing frame, ~~said reinforcing frame being fastenable to the motor vehicle body by means of one or more of screw connections and adhesive bonds,~~ one of said reinforcing frame and said roof panel having a folded flange at an edge of a U section with an inner surface and [[one]] the other of said reinforcing frame and said roof panel having an edge strip engaging into said U section, said edge strip having a first surface and an opposite second surface, said first surface being disposed opposite said inner surface and bonded to said inner surface; and

sealing material in contact with said folded flange and said second surface to form a sealing joint between said folded flange and said edge strip, said reinforcing frame having a screw location and bond pads located at a bond location for fastening said reinforcing body to the motor vehicle body, whereby a prefabricated and painted roof module is placed on the bonding location and is connected to the vehicle body by said screw connection from inside said motor vehicle, the other of said reinforcing frame and said roof panel, said roof panel ~~in a vertical projection being~~ having an area that is greater than the area of a roof opening.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to claim 8, wherein said U section ~~in the area of a front window at the outside~~ has a support for the front window, said support being located in an area of a front window.

11. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to claim 10, wherein said roof panel ~~in an area of a front window~~ has a step located in an area of a front window, ~~[[whose]]~~ said step having a height ~~roughly corresponds~~ corresponding to the thickness of the front window.

12. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to claim 8, wherein said U section ~~in a door area at the outside~~ has a support for the side window and/or side window pane seal, said support being located in a door area.

13. (Currently Amended) A roof module pursuant to claim 5, wherein said roof panel ~~in the door area~~ has a step located in the door area, ~~[[whose]]~~ said step having a height ~~roughly corresponds~~ corresponding to the thickness of the side window and/or side window pane seal.

14. (Previously Presented) A roof module pursuant to claim 8, wherein said roof panel and/or reinforcing frame are comprised of pretreated and/or prelacquered metal sheets.

15. (New) The combination of a roof module and a vehicle body having a roof opening, the combination comprising:

a vehicle body having a roof opening, said vehicle body having a screw place and a bond place;

a prefabricated and painted roof module including a reinforcing frame and a roof panel fastened to said reinforcing frame, one of said reinforcing frame and said roof panel having a

folded flange at an edge of a U section with an inner surface and the other of said reinforcing frame and said roof panel having an edge strip engaging into said U section, said edge strip having a first surface and an opposite second surface, said first surface being disposed opposite said inner surface and bonded to said inner surface, and sealing material in contact with said folded flange and said second surface to form a sealing joint between said folded flange and said edge strip, said reinforcing frame having a screw location and bond pads located at a bond location; and

screws connecting said roof module to said vehicle body, said screws being connected from inside said vehicle body; and

adhesive connecting said bond location of said reinforcing frame to said bond place of said motor vehicle body, said roof panel having an area that is greater than the area of the roof opening.